

**ROAD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 6th, 2022
4:45 P.M.**

Present: DeWayne Ramsey, Nathan Pilgreen, Andrew Ford, Jr. and Johnny Buckley. Absent: None. Also present: Ben Bridges, Brenda Abercrombie, L.W. Nolan, Lane Rugg, Ceis Nyegaard, Milas Davidson and Justin Echols.

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order. Mr. Ford led the group in prayer.

Motion Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Pilgreen and declared adopted by unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda as written.

Motion Mr. Pilgreen and seconded by Mr. Ford to approve the minutes of the August 2nd, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ramsey addressed the committee regarding the hiring of a Public Works Director. Tommy Durrett, Claiborne Parish Road Superintendent, has contacted Mr. Ramsey and a couple of other jurors regarding the Public Works Director position. Mr. Durrett does not have any Landfill experience nor does he have any certification. Mr. Pilgreen stated that he did not know how we could justify paying that large amount of a salary to an individual who does not have his Landfill certification. Mr. Durrett currently works for a Police Jury so he knows the limitations that come with working for a governmental body. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Bridges to table the discussion of a Public Works Director until further notice. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of two (2) road graders off of state contract. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to recommend to the full jury to purchase two (2) Case Road Graders off of state contract from Scott Equipment in the amount of \$247,560 each. Motor Graders to be paid for out of ARPA funds. Motion carried unanimously.**

A discussion was held regarding contracting the bush hogging/mowing in the parish versus the employees bush hogging/mowing. There have been several complaints from the public regarding excess vegetation in the ditches and roadways. **Motion Mr. Pilgreen, seconded by Mr. Ford to table this discussion until further notice. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no more business to come before the committee, Mr. Ramsey declared the meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Buckley and duly seconded by Mr. Pilgreen on this the 6th day of September, 2022.

DeWayne Ramsey, Chairman
Paula Strickland, Secretary/Treasurer